

The Solemn Blessing
of
The New Church of Christ the King
and the
First Solemn Mass
in the Presence of
The Bishop Co-Adjutor
of the Diocese of Fond du Lac

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March 28, 1953, at Eleven o'Clock
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

OFFICERS OF THE SOLEMN BLESSING AND MASS

His Excellency the Right Reverend William H. Brady

Bishop Co-adjutor of Fond du Lac will officiate
at the Blessing and preside at the Mass.

CELEBRANT OF THE MASS:

The Reverend James H. Pearson, Vicar of the
Church of Christ the King

DEACON OF THE MASS:

The Reverend William V. Carpenter, Associate
Pastor of the Church of Christ the King

SUB-DEACON OF THE MASS:

The Very Reverend Harold M. Keyes, Vicar of
the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Green
Bay

ASSISTANT PRIEST:

The Reverend William Elwell, Rector of Grace
Church, Sheboygan

PREACHER:

The Reverend John O. Bruce, Associate Pastor
of Grace Church, Sheboygan

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

The Reverend Howard L. Cowan, Vicar of St..
John's Church, Shawano

THE ORDER FOR THE BLESSING OF A NEW CHURCH

STANDING BEFORE THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH, THE BISHOP SAYS:

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that all our works may be begun, continued and ended in thee, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HE THEN INTONES:

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

HERE IS SUNG PSALM 51, MISERERE MEI, DEUS.

AT THE END OF THE PSALM THE ANTIPHON 'THOU SHALT PURGE ME' IS REPEATED.

RETURNING TO THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH, THE BISHOP SAYS:

Let us pray.

ASSISTANTS: Let us bow the knee. R. Arise.

O Lord God, whom the heavens and the earth cannot contain, but who dost condescend to have a dwelling on earth where thy Name can be continually invoked; we beseech thee, through the merits and intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, and of all the Saints, visit this edifice with thy kindly Countenance, and purge it of all evil by the infusion of thy grace. And as thou didst cause the vow of thy beloved David to be fulfilled in the work of Solomon, his son, grant us in this work the realization of our desires, and banish hence all wicked spirits; through Jesus Christ . . .

THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS IS NOW RECITED AS THE BISHOP AND HIS ATTENDANTS, FOLLOWED BY THE PEOPLE, ENTER THE CHURCH. ALL KNEEL IN THEIR PLACES.

SPECIAL SUFFRAGE: That thou wouldst purify and bless this church and this altar to the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ the King.

FOLLOWING THE LITANY, THE BISHOP SAYS:

Let us pray.

ASSISTANTS: Let us bow the knee. R. Arise.

Let thy mercy, we pray thee O Lord, be upon us, and through the intercession of thy Saints, may thy goodness and forgiveness anticipate our requests; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BISHOP: O God, make speed to save me.

PEOPLE: O Lord, make haste to help me.

BISHOP: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

PEOPLE: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

BISHOP: Let us pray.

ASSISTANTS: Let us bow the knee. R. Arise.

God of mercy and of strength, who didst confer on thy priests above all others so great a grace, that whatever they do worthily and perfectly in thy Name, is truly done by thee, we beseech thy boundless goodness, that whatever we presume to visit may be visited by thee, and whatever we presume to bless may be blessed by thee. And at our lowly coming, through the merits of thy Saints, may demons flee and angels of peace enter in. Through Jesus Christ . . . Amen.

ANTIPHON: Bless, O Lord, this dwelling erected to thy Name.

NOW ARE SAID RESPONSIVELY BY BISHOP AND PEOPLE, ALL SEATED,

PSALM 120 (P.B. P. 502)

PSALM 121 (P.B. P. 503)

PSALM 122 (P.B. P. 503)

THE ANTIPHON, 'Bless, O Lord' is repeated.

BISHOP: Let us pray.

ASSISTANTS: Let us bow the knee. R. Arise.

O God, who dost sanctify the places dedicated to thy Name, pour forth thy grace upon this house of prayer, so that all who here invoke thee may know thy assistance. Through Jesus Christ . . . Amen.

THE SACRED MINISTERS NOW VEST FOR THE SOLEMN MASS IN HONOR OF CHRIST THE KING, WHILE THE ALTAR IS PREPARED FOR THE HOLY SACRIFICE.

AT THIS TIME IS SUNG HYMN 228

SOLEMN VOTIVE MASS OF CHRIST THE KING

THE INTROIT: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Give the King thy judgments, O God; and thy righteousness unto the King's Son. Glory be . . . Worthy is the Lamb . . .

KYRIE ELEISON. GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

THE COLLECT

THE EPISTLE (Colossians 1.12)

GRADUAL: His dominion shall be from the one sea to the other: and from the flood unto the world's end. V. All kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall do him service.

TRACT: He shall call me: thou art my Father, my God, and my strong salvation. V. And I will make him my firstborn: higher than the kings of the earth. V. His seat also will I make to endure for ever: and his throne as the days of heaven.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (ST. JOHN 18.33)

THE CREED

THE SERMON

THE OFFERTORY: Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance: and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

HYMN 189

SURSUM CORDA, PREFACE AND SANCTUS

THE CANON OF THE MASS

THE COMMUNION: The Lord remaineth a King for ever: the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

THE DISMISSAL

PONTIFICAL BLESSING. V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.
R. From this time forth for evermore.
V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Peace be with you.
R. And with thy Spirit.

THE BISHOP GIVES HIS BLESSING

THE LAST GOSPEL (ST. JOHN 1.1)

HYMN 352

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